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The following remarks are submitted in response to the outstanding non-final Office Action dated March 13, 2003 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 9, 2001 with claims 1-17. Claims 1-17 remain pending. Claims 1, 16 and 17 are the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the remarks below.

Claims 1, 15, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the ground that it is allegedly unclear how an "output indicator" generated by the claimed output load detection circuit is "utilizable in the driver circuit to control the modulation current." Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. An illustrative embodiment of the invention as described in the specification clearly sets forth one possible manner in which an output indicator generated by an